

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 27, 2004 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mase, U.S. Patent No. 5,970,894. The Examiner states that Mase discloses an embroidering device that may be connected to a network and that includes means for performing various functions that correspond to the structure recited in the instant case.

By the accompanying amendment, claims 1-3 have been cancelled and claims 4-7 have been amended to better define and clarify the invention.

Mase discloses sewing apparatus and program storing device. However, Mase does not disclose or suggest that information for performing embroidery is obtained from a network. Instead, Mase obtains embroidery data from a CD ROM 47 as shown in Figure 5. Although the apparatus 40 is connected to network 61 in Figure 9A, this connection is made to access the database 63 having personal identification information, not to obtain embroidery data or the like for performing an embroidery operation. Similarly, although connection to a network also is shown in Figure 11, this connection is not to access embroidery data; the computer 60 in the distributor H connects to the network to obtain repair history.


Furthermore, the instant claims as amended further distinguish Mase by reciting that the server provides embroidery stitching information specific to the embroidering device based upon identification information communicated by the embroidering device. This is nowhere disclosed or suggested by Mase.

The remaining prior art is believed to have been properly not relied upon in

rejecting any claim.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

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